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## LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER – MARCH 2016 UNITED STATES HIGHLIGHTS

**Commercial red meat production** for the United States totaled 4.26 billion pounds in March, up 5 percent from the 4.07 billion pounds produced in March 2015.

**Beef production**, at 2.10 billion pounds, was 8 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.53 million head, up 6 percent from March 2015. The average live weight was up 23 pounds from the previous year, at 1,370 pounds.

**Veal production** totaled 6.4 million pounds, 8 percent below March a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 35,900 head, down 10 percent from March 2015. The average live weight was up 7 pounds from last year, at 302 pounds.

**Pork production** totaled 2.15 billion pounds, up 2 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 10.09 million head, up 2 percent from March 2015. The average live weight was down 1 pound from the previous year, at 284 pounds.

**Lamb and mutton production**, at 14.3 million pounds, was down slightly from March 2015. Sheep slaughter totaled 205,900 head, slightly above last year. The average live weight was 138 pounds, down 1 pound from March a year ago.

**January to March 2016 commercial red meat production** was 12.2 billion pounds, up 3 percent from 2015. Accumulated beef production was up 5 percent from last year, veal was down 4 percent, pork was up 1 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was up 1 percent.

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